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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 & 1.98**

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and a copy of the Japanese Patent Application listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

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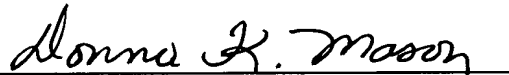
U.S. Patent No. 6,507,851 corresponds with Japanese Patent  
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	<b>6,507,851</b>	<b>1-2003</b>	<b>FUJIWARA et al.</b>			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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